

NEW COMPOUND PROVES A BOON TO THE MINERS

CHEMICAL MIXTURE DESTROYS
POWDER SMOKE AND
ALL GASES

Fumicide, the Latin for fume destroyer, means very little to the average person because it is new—really—a new chemical principle involved, but its uses are gradually being demonstrated to the various managers and miners of our city and for the first time we realize that sometimes the impossible may be accomplished. John T. Overbury, representing the Globe Chemical Works of San Francisco, has for the last week been quietly conducting a series of demonstrations in our largest mines before the various managers, foremen and miners. The new mechanical compound is composed of four chemicals, combined and mixed in such a way that when sealed in a cartridge and loaded in the bottom of any drill hole with the usual charge of powder, absolutely neutralizes the dangerous and unpleasant nitro-glycerine fumes thrown off by any powder, which results in sickness and headaches so frequently. Successful tests have been given in practically all of our largest mines, and the verdict of managers and men alike has been: "It does the work." In all tests where from 26 to 40 pounds of powder have been used it has been fully demonstrated that it is possible to walk directly into the drift or crosscut within five minutes without any ill effects from gas, and with little smarting of the eyes or burning of the throat. The smoke from fuse, etc., is still present after the explosion, but greatly clarified, and changed from a dirty yellow to a clear white.

This undoubtedly will prove a great boon to all miners, as it positively removes all the bad effects which cause headache and nausea.

The purpose of the compound is simply to overcome the acids thrown off by all nitro-glycerine powders. The action takes place so quickly that the nitro gases are overcome before becoming imbedded in the muck. Dr. Sanborn, a practical chemist of this state and San Francisco, is the inventor, and we wish him every success.

As a result of these tests conducted in the various mines of Tonopah, some of the companies have already placed orders for a quantity of the Fumicide, and it is most likely that the new invention will be in general use throughout the mines within a very short time.

A number of years ago Mr. Overbury was a resident of this city, having been a member of the firm of Oddie & Overbury. Later he removed to Rhyolite and is now a resident of San Francisco.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY THIRD LARGEST OF WORLD

Within a few years the library of congress will occupy the supreme position in numerical strength among the libraries of the world. It now ranks third, with the Bibliotheque Nationale and the British Museum holding first and second places. The annual report of Librarian Putnam has been submitted to congress. It shows that in the year 1909-10 there were added 90,473 volumes, making the total possessions of the library in printed volumes 1,793,158. There are 118,163 maps and charts; 517,806 volumes and pieces of music and 329,251 prints.

During the period 1908-9 the additions to the British Museum are stated to have been 149,464, the Bibliotheque Nationale 166,634 and the Library of Congress 425,925. Librarian Putnam argues that from these comparisons the congressional institution will surpass its two rivals within a few years.

Beautiful hand embroidery and fancy work on display at the Ladies' Bazaar, Soller building, Dec. 13. 12-60ed

HORACE MEDER MARRIED
Horace A. Meder, a former Carson young man, was married Thursday at Minden, to Mrs. Annie Kaiser, who is well known in Carson. Both parties are divorcees, Mr. Meder receiving his decree at Carson last week while the new Mrs. Meder was divorced some months ago from her husband, who was also a former Carson man.

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BLIND MAN WHO "SEES"

"I see," said the blind man.

How often we have heard the above spoken in jest. And yet it is a fact that the blind—some of them—actually do see. They do not see according to the first definition of the word in the dictionary, viz: "To perceive by the eye," but other definitions—"to perceive by mental vision," "to note with the mind"—fit their cases exactly.

Yerington has a blind man, in the person of Billy Brooks, who has not only had his remaining senses abnormally developed since he lost the sight of his eyes, but who has developed a sixth, or substitute sense, which enables him to count the trees along the sidewalk as he walks down the street and to tell whether a yard has or has not a fence around it, and, if so, whether it is of wood or of iron.

This substitute sense nearly all blind have, but few have developed it to the extent that Billy Brooks has. He is not able to explain it thoroughly—he only knows that in some manner he is able to "see" upright objects, and as he walks along the street, without guidance, he seldom runs into anything above the ground. Frequently, however, he has fallen into trap doors or depressions of any kind.

Billy not only makes his way about town without any particular trouble, going into different doors and negotiating safely the different height sidewalks and lack of sidewalks on Yerington's main street, but, further than that, he rides horseback about town and has no difficulty in going to any store or house in town if he is on a horse which will keep the road. He will ride his horse up to the front of Judson Smith's store, jump off, go in through the door, walk the full length of the store, and sit down to the piano in the rear room and play a tune. Billy is a good pianist and vocalist.

The writer met Billy Tuesday and while walking with him down the street remarked, "It has turned out nice and warm."

"Yes, but it has clouded up again."

"You can distinguish light and darkness, then, can you?" asked the writer.

"Not with my eyes—only from the sun's heat or absence of it," answered Billy.

Billy frequently skates at the rink, but goes in the afternoon when the sun is shining. He starts at the upper end and knows from the sun's heat through them that there are four windows at the side. When he passes the fourth one he knows it is time to make the turn.

One of Brooks' principal diversions is playing cards. He has the cards marked according to the new York point alphabet. The letters of this alphabet are made from the use of one or more of six dots placed in horizontal lines—the number of dots placed in a certain position making the letter. In marking the cards certain letters are used for the numbers and the initial letter of the suit is marked below—as C for clubs, etc. He is also fond of reading, and constantly receives books for the blind from the California state library at Sacramento.

The other day Billy asked an acquaintance to allow him to use his typewriter. Receiving permission, he sat down and, immediately on feeling it, said, "By George! This is the Underwood, isn't it? I used one of them five years ago." The Underwood has the universal keyboard, the same as the Remington, (which Billy uses) and yet he knew almost instantly that it was an Underwood, though he had used the machine but once, and that five years ago.

Billy Brooks was born in Sonora, Tuolumne county, Cal., thirty-two years ago. When three days old he caught a severe cold which settled in his eyes and almost ruined them, though he could distinguish the primary colors and, when able to walk, get around pretty well until he was five years of age. At that time it became necessary to remove one eye, and he soon completely lost the sight of the other one.

He was educated at the Institute for the Deaf and Blind at Berkeley, graduating from there in the class of 1898. He passed the examination for admission to the University of California, which he expected to attend, but financial reverses made this impossible. After graduating from the school he went to the Home for the Adult Blind at Oakland, Cal., and there learned four trades—broom making, mattress making, hammock making and cane seating of chairs.

Billy also took piano lessons and voice culture for about three years, and with these accomplishments he has since made his living.

In the latter part of his school years he spent his spare time roaming about the hills of Berkeley, at one time, with a blind companion, walking to Walnut creek, a distance of nineteen miles. Since the age of fifteen he has traveled without the aid of seeing guidance, and can today go to any part of Berkeley, Oakland or San Francisco without aid.

There is a possibility that some day Billy may recover the sight of his remaining eye—the left one. Over it is an exaggerated cataract or film. Some doctors claim that if this film were removed the contents of the eye would run out, while others believe that such an operation would restore the sight.

An experience which he had five years ago, May 24th, convinces Billy that there is sight in the eye. He was sitting at a window facing the west in the Merchant's hotel in Tonopah. The sun was shining through the window and suddenly he saw a flash of light as plainly as he ever saw it before he became totally blind. He believes that a sudden flood of light caused a contraction of the muscles of the eye, which created a temporary break or fissure in the film.

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RICH GOLD STRIKE AT CAMP OF ORO

What bids fair to be one of the most important gold strikes in the history of Humboldt county was made the first of the week at the new camp of Oro, on the Oro No. 2 claim. Some two weeks ago Messrs. W. W. Kirkham, P. E. Madsen and E. A. Coffroth, Dutch Flat operators, located several claims four miles south of the old camp, and in prospecting on the claim mentioned, discovered a four-foot ledge. The samples taken out are free milling and rich, as the gold can be seen with the naked eye. Yesterday Mr. Madsen came to town for the purpose of having the rock assayed, and will probably have his returns during the day.

Although the camp is less than two weeks old, a large number of claims have been staked, upon which the location work is being performed. Mr. Kirkham is quite well known in Winnemucca, having paid an extended visit to his nephew, J. A. Lipman of the Lafayette hotel, before going to Dutch Flat about a month ago.—Silver State.

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